GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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REPAIRING OF JAMA MASJID
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Union Government on repairs of Jama Masjid in Delhi during each of the last three years till date;

(b) whether the Jama Masjid in Delhi is a protected monument under the Ancient Monuments Act;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for spending money on its repairs?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)An amount of Rs. 6,45,664/- was spent by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for repairs to damaged sand stone flooring of the courtyard of Jama Masjid during the last financial year 2004-2005. In the preceding two financial years no expenditure was incurred by the ASI.

(b)No, Sir.

(c)Does not arise.

(d)The Jama Masjid is a mosque of outstanding architectural & historical importance under the administrative control of Sunni Majlis Auqaf. On request from Jama Masjid authorities, the Govt. of India agreed to the repairs for this mosque and the work was taken up accordingly by the Archaeological Survey of India.